

Notes - Charles Berk

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Filer 56
Doc. 1

10144-10229
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RETURN TO
Background Unit
Do Not File

Hartman

689-298 ✓

695-302A ✓

138 - 598 ✓

563-816 ✓

7-2 ✓

435-173

1188-1000 ✓

1-18 ✓

6-3 ✓

1380-1073A ✓

173-615 ✓

2-524 ✓

- State Telegram of Oct 31, 1959 (Freers)
- Calderon Conversation + note + cable
- C/A pp 943-944 HT KINGDOM cards on Oswald
19 June or 15 May Wolf request (misc docs)

get copy of release letter

P320F
KR II

689-298 -

Did you prepare it
when ^{new} questions are raised
Was it in fact delivered

31

695-302A - supra

100

138-598

- why the concern about Calderon
et al

150

563-810

- Did you write it
still missing

- Why keep loose in last file

- what happened to attachment
was this ~~only~~ memo written of
this item (machine listing)

Helm's

PP Vol 2
179-181

7-2

Henry
phys description
pursakov

what is CI/SPB

788

1-1B

- AG

Henry

CI/SPB ✓

date of opening

restricted

as of May 1960

785

6-3

wrong description

943-944

HTLINGUAL

Privacy

- RE, WATCHLIST

N/K - RI

CI/KROJ/PH

} what
about
funny
little
FF's

787

2 - 524 - why the *
ns of 60

2105-
2108

1188-1000 - go over tomorrow

2a ~~what~~ How does he remember the date of Nov
written or oral instruction

and
all details
+ 6 new
if no writer
rec. re

b. - why did you check
main index

what is as integrated in

did you check HT LANGUAGE

c. - what's division D
newspaper clippings, why'd you check it
fake cover

had a Misc file - newspaper ^{clippings} -

Sec. there was a security F14

4. What is CRS

9. What about Lee or Lee Henry
or Alik Hiddell

K - brief, informal notes (what is required)
How does he know it was a decoy

4. He was known
worked in S.O for 2 yrs

What was selectivity
+ specific target
applicability
standard

what type of info was

(Did he check ^{cards} ~~Inter Agency Source Register~~ DED seeking
did he check for other Agency?)

5. How would this show up ^{Did he just check CIA files}

4. Why 2nd period isolate

why 15th sent to FBI ~~not~~
filed.

~~W. I. F. H. A. S. the same name as the original~~

was your
search basis
for McConis
testimony
that who
ever it imple
3. whether
him

8. When told about the story?

5.

6. Supposedly opened
on basis of State
Dept request for
info on defectors -

opened ~~by~~ by ~~██████████~~ A/E.g. -
Ghe testifies to this

How does he know
what he is saying
where did he get the info.

1386-173A + 173-615 - ever
see

this

Helm
3369

435-173 -

was he aware
of ~~████████~~ this
memo

Did he check w/ the
was it reported
to him ever

Did he check
w/ the CORD
~~████████~~
~~████████~~
+ Research
Section
at SR/L



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Hartman Interview

946-5241

1. 1951-1976 - operations officer
retired in 1976.

2. 1963-1964 - member of Kocergroup
in CI/R+A -

Assignments regarding investigation of Kennedy assassination
ad hoc assignment to work on investi-
gation

maintained file created based
on assassination -

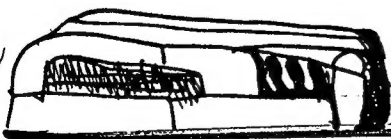
all paper in records system went into
LHO 201

3. Arthur Dooley + Tom Hall - deceased

4. CI/SIB - worked closely with office
of security

5. 1974-1975) CI Staff HTLINGUAL
↓
Special project group
Kim Chalmer

NOTE



permanent duty - to maintain LHO file
de Mohrenschildt + Ruby

10/31/59 - familiar with
the

S16 - American involved with
Russians goes to S16 -
had no U.S. desk - it would
be a special investigation
would have w/ other got agency

1-1B - (Beth E.)
opened file on presumption
that Oswald was a case -
w/ KGB

nothing in CIA rules (Records
Handbook) covered people
defecting to Soviet Union

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

don't open file on guy because
1 cable

didn't know waker

Do that
person opens file
could have
who wanted info
on the restricted
201 - what
the mother
S16 file restricted & out
often - might have been restricted
out of habit
would have wanted to know if anyone
checking on LHO

(3)

American
reflected
to communists
BLOC

The did total
name check on
Rudy) says took
4-5 months to
do Rudy report because
he has multiple work tasks

AG is a code in the records handbook
two letter code for occupation
computerized

2-524 - ★ - means LHO
subject of the
201

if no star - means
subject mentioned
in 201 - doc #
will follow
where person
mentioned

HTLINGUAL cards

Special
Project
Unit

PROJECT/RE → used to be man
who translated
Russian materials
named (Rubin E. for)

PROJECT/PH - (Pauline Hargis) believes
she was a translator

doesn't know what
Watch List is - but believes it was
a State Dept list

W/R-R1 - No record - leads
Integration
System

V/MC

7-2

- Henry odd point
(mistake on 201 opening -
doesn't think (Buster)
drew info on LHO
out of 201 opening
as opposed to cable
w/ correct name

release
office
James Brown
not in
release
cable
have sat on for a
few days

6-3

- nged two - doesn't
mean anything
because cables
are handled
according to
work load of
people

Can't explain disparity in
physical description

says cable may have not
been written on 10th of Oct
might have been written
earlier -

★ routing sheets would help to
show where the cable went

all The correct description -

J.C. King - authentic you're also of sufficient
authority to release at your

Kangas - he was above King - had to
release because above J.C. King

(5)

138-598

- doesn't know why
interest in Calderon

Dorley may have know something
about it

435-173A

doesn't remember
you it - think
he might have

why waste time on LHO -
a creep

~~THE~~ (KOSJUMP-) DCD or OS

prob'ly Dave Murphy had
Wagner a ^{STU Duvall} to talk to
these people

Belmont (Cassassin) i Dick
Ola

After
WC
ceased
to function

monitoring types of LHO were
sent to Ho - not sure if
before or after death -
by a Dispatch

a few years
after the assassin
between
65-70

→ sent to WH/3
it was sent to

got it from
majority
dash

definitely it's
a type of Oswald
sent to records section
+ included in
201 file

⑥

563-810 - think he wrote
it

was written in connection
w/ impending visit of
Rankin to CR records -
to be followed by Wc members

~~was~~ { were available but
not physically available
in the file at the time
because recorded in record
system

was
not mean
to exist

"was to be kept loosely
because had no bearing
on areas" - a handwritten
memo to be used for
reference only

doesn't know what happened
to attachment - Poca
might have kept it

689-298 - never saw it -

695-302A - doesn't know
if used

Poca +
Booley +
Hall probably
wrote it

remembers The affidavit

P. Hartman was Roccia's expert
on the Records System

1188-1000 - CI staff handled
any Agency problem in US.

2 a. reconstructed memo on basis
of memory + not written
record

2 b. checked main index at own
volition

items integrated in - FBI/docs
cable traffic

didn't check HTK INSUAL -
has no knowledge -
ROCA didn't either

2 d. checked Divison D because
has sensitive holdings -
dealt w/ NSA
always had to check Divison D
separately

2 e. didn't check Securus
himself - relied on their
representation

OS was mechanizing records
might have fallen thru the
cracks

only what
in the PDI 2 f.

~~the same~~
Central Reference Service
DDI - no records on a memo
can only check by nationality

⑤

2j. never checked under Alek Kide

2k - reconstructed date of
note from memory -
doesn't know where
note is now

~~Believed this note was
from straight to
not a CIA agent~~

Rosen told
Hartman wife
was passed to
Helms
presumably

← Hartman died was
my part of info on
which the one brief
statement - also would
have been info from Helms
where Helms got from
diversion chiefs made
abroad

necessary? →

3. Rosen told him + probably
Buck O'Neil

4. LHO had nothing compared
to programs doctors etc
who visited S.U. -
staff was understaffed -
couldn't handle the load

if checked 201 + get no card that says no 201 means
no other but some interest

(didn't have to check South Agency /
Source Register Separately

INDEX

Bob
Travis
Jim
Murphy
Joe Devanin

also in
ISP
section

4111

not in file
register

⑨

1

IBR is part of Central Index
↓ no separate index

didn't check w/ military services

5. did the on basis of check
in the IBR through
the Central Index

FBI is exempt from FSR
because operate domestically

6. opening is an assumption
made on basis of his review
always used 1st document
as document of reference

Egner's statement re opening
does not jive with
Hartman's recollection
maybe he's wrong

not supposed
to be in
201 because
of sensitivity
←

RYBAT cable held at
D&S - not ~~held~~ in 201 -
put into 201 by a
firm

CS - all
not all
was memo
+ some stuff

wasn't present when
WC saw 201 file of LHO

when C1/515 had 201
file after access -
~~could have~~
kept sensitive
Cuba in file
because closed
holding file -

but didn't put
sensitive material
in file at Request
because would have
exposed the sensitive
operator to people w/
no need to know

My name is Robert Gengman.
I am Staff Counsel to the
House Select Committee on
Assassinations. I have been
designated counsel empowered
to take statements under oath
pursuant to House Resolution
222 and Select Committee
Rule 4.

Mr. Hartman, would you state
your full name for the
record.

Mr. Hartman, have you been given
a copy of the the Select
Committee Rules and pertinent
House Resolutions?

Have you read Committee Rule 4?

Do you understand it?

Is it true that you are not under subpoena for this deposition?

Are you testifying voluntarily?

Do you understand that you have the right to have counsel present?

Do you desire to have counsel present?

Mr. Hartman, a copy of the transcript of this deposition will be sent to you to sign and verify. If, when you receive a copy to sign and verify, you desire to make any changes for any reasons, you should contact me and I will make the necessary arrangements to have you ~~initial~~ make any changes you desire to make.

According to the Select Committee Rules, a witness is entitled to a copy of the corrected transcript;

however, because this deposition will involve classified information, it has been ~~the~~ our policy to ask the witness to waive his right to a copy.

Mr. Hartman, have you worked for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Dates • 51-76

In connection with your employment with the CIA, have you ever executed a secrecy oath or a secrecy agreement with the CIA?

At this time I would like to give you a copy of a document marked as JFK Exhibit 94, which is a letter from Mr. Frank Carlucci, Acting Director of the CIA, to the Chairman of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, dated March 23,

1978 , and dealing with
secrecy arrangements with
the Agency. Have you read
this letter?

Do you understand it?

Mr. Hartman, what was your position
in 1963 and 1964?

Did you have any expertise in records
and filing?

Moscow Embassy telegram to DCS
~~was~~ to telegram discussing
Oswald's desire to
defect.

10-31-59 Cable

JFK EX. F 534

Would you read this cable.

What component at HQ would have
received this information and
when?

Why.

201 Opening Form ~~Q~~ for LHO.
CIA page number 788.

Would you read this page?

Why CI/SIS opened?

Why Anne Egerton opened?

Why lengthy time period between
receipt of DOS cable &
file opening?

Why ^{file marked} restricted?

Why ^{the form contains} wrong middle name "Henry"?

What does ^{translation} "AG" mean?

✓ Did CIA regulations cover record-keeping
for Americans defecting to S.U.

AG

Additions pointed out to WC.

Index cards

② CIA page 787

What does star after Oswald's
201 number indicate?

HT LINGUAL cards

943 & 944

What was HT LINGUAL?

What CIA component ran it.

What was component referred to?
Special Projects

On top card ^{on 943} what does CI/PROJECT/
RE mean?

What does ^{on 943} N/R ② - RI mean?

On middle card ^{on 943,} what does WATCH
LIST mean.

Why would Egerton's name be on ^{this} card?

What does "deleted 28 May 62" mean?

Card on p. 944, CI/PROJECT/PH?

HQ to MC, dated 10-10-63, DIR 74830
Cable F-516

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Why see Henry Oswald?

Does phys. descrip. ~~of~~ fit Oswald?

Yes.

Does cable reflect ^{cable} sent to MC
at 9 zed time?

Dissemination Cable, 10-10-63

HQ to various agencies. DIR 64673
JFK EX. F 517

Description correspond to F56, HQ
cable to MC dated 10-10-63?

No.

If not, ~~who~~ does description fit?
mmm

2nd para., ~~who~~ does this also
give middle name as Henry?

Does this cable indicate sent at 12 zed time?

In 1963, Did CIA's MC station engage in surveillance operations against Sov. & Cuban embassies in M.C.? What kinds of surveillance.
Manuscript

→ Please refer to a document ^{which describes} ~~written~~ by a former CIA employee's recollection of LHO's trip to MC?

Have you ever seen ^{this document before?} ~~about~~

Does this accurately reflect ^{the} CIA's photographic surveillance with ^{regard to} ~~the~~ H3.

Were photos of LHO taken?
~~about~~

Where are they?

If not, why not?

~~Before~~

Tapes

~~When then Did CIA MC station know~~

Do you know whether LHO's voice was recorded during his stay in Mexico ^{by} CIA?

How do you know?

packet of tapes.
3-4" thick.

Possession ^{of} ~~is~~ 65-47?

How did you get tapes?

Where from?

Where sent to?

Ever listened to recordings?

How know recordings?

How know LHO's voice?

Who else would have seen or had control of them?

Where located from file to Billy 64-176
How got from file to Billy
Why took so long - cleared out a safe

FBI memo, Nov. 23, 63, from J. Edgar Hoover to James J. Rowley

JFK # F _____

Please read

As far as accurate?

Were tapes sent to Dallas?

197, ~~REDACTED~~

p. 177 - Nov. 23 cable, MC stat to HQ

~~REDACTED~~ Ever seen it?

Directing your second para., was voice comparison done?
Do you know whether any tapes of LHO were destroyed.
Was either of tapes ever recovered.

p. 201 - Cable dated Nov. 23, 1963,
MC 5. to HQ re surveill. ops

Q Ever seen cable?

Par. 8, does it appear accurate
that ~~any~~ tapes were erased?

Accurate

Any subsequent tapes found?

If ~~so~~ by whom?

From Win Scott's safe?

How do you explain fact that
this cable records incorrect
description of LHO, when cable
JFK 516, sent 3 hrs. earlier ~~at~~, at
9:30 time, contains correct
description.

[Was cable actually sent at later time?

Memorandum from (Thomas B. Casasin,)
pp. 3368 - 3369 dated Dec 25, 1963

Have you ever seen previously?
No.

Doesn't it contemplate debriefing of LHO?
By CIA?

Did debriefing occur.

Bottom line refers to "Harvey story" ~~at~~
What is Harvey story?

Even ~~spoken~~ ^{with} (Casasin) re. document
or with other persons referred
to in document

JFK ^{EX.}# F-~~00~~ 524

Memo 20 Feb. 64, discussing
documents available in
LHO's file?

Ever seen? Yes

Author? Himself

At whose instruction, written?

~~Are~~ ³⁷ were documents ~~a~~ described as not
available in 201 file missing?

No, at various desks.

Why were they not in the file?

Lower left hand corner, ^{handwritten} words
"please keep loosely in the
last volume of Oswald's 201."

Who wrote? Him

Why?

~~Why loosely?~~

Par. 1, What happened to attachment which
was "machine listing of documents
officially recorded as being
in Oswald's 201 files."

CTA pp. 2105-2108

18 Sept.

~~(D)~~

Your memo of 1/19/75

subj. allegations of
Lee Harvey Oswald's

connection with the Agency?

Recognize it?
Read it?

Par. 2a, how remember exact date?

Par. 2b, Why ~~check~~ did you check the Main
Index @ on night of assass?

Who instructed you to recheck
Main Index?

What items integrated in record
system ^{after} ~~some~~ assassination?

Did you check with those running
HT LINCOLN program?

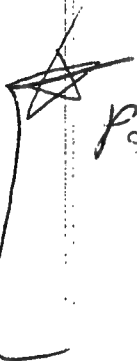
Did it bother you
any other instances

Par. 2d, why did you check with
Division D?

What is Division D?

What is an "informal desk record"
as referred to in par. 2d.

~~But~~



Par. 2c, how did you determine that not OS file on LHO?
Personally check.

Told by Chief of OS.
Par 2 F, what is "CR 5"?
Was it in PDI?
Why checked?
Ever checked PDI?

Ever check variations of ~~D~~ name
Lee Harvey Oswald;

Lee Henry Oswald?

Alias Alek Hidell? A.J. Hidell?

~~Ever~~

Par 2j, what was purpose of checking with J staff's operational approval group?

Par. 2K, how were you able to determine that you completed your checks on 4 Dec. 63.

What happened to "brief informal note" sent to Roca, ~~sending~~ to inform him ~~discussing~~ results of your checks.

Last sentence, how do you know results communicated to WC.
Was your note the basis?

Par. 3, ~~who~~ told you similar checks made with foreign divisions?

~~How~~ do you know results were ~~on what basis~~ negative?

Who told you?

Par. 4. Why LHO not debriefed?

[What about ^{defection +} KGB contacts?] life in Minsk, not often visited by westerners.

Par. 5, ~~what is~~ ~~Inter-Agency~~ Source Register? in DDO.

~~Inter-Agency~~
Ever check?

If not, why not?

Ever check other agency's re LHO as agent?

Par. 6 - 201 file opened on basis of receipt of first 75 documents, 2 FBI, 2 DOS, 1 Navy. Way ~~to~~ 13 months after receipt of first document, which was 10-31-59 cable.

Why had MC info not been included
in LHO's 201 before day of
assass.?

Why ~~data~~ disseminated
before inclusion in 201 file?

How do you know MC cables
made available to WC?

Par. 7

Manuscript

Read para. in document

How do you reconcile your statement
~~Do you still feel~~
in par. 7 with document,
regarding importance & urgency
of Oswald case?

Par. 8.

Present when WC reviewed
LHO's 201.

Who present.

Re: Ruby
(to the extent deemed appropriate)

Did the CIA obtain

the names of anyone
[other than ~~James~~ Mr. Willie]

who Jack Ruby saw or
talked with in Cuba?

after
Subsequent to the CIA
response to Mr. C. inquiry,

did the CIA learn
anything else about
Jack Ruby from CIA
files, sources, or otherwise?

Does CIA have any -p.2-
information linking
Jade Ruby or his
associates (specifically
ask re: Lewis McWillie)
to CIA - Mafia plots
against Castro or any other
plots against Castro?

Pursuant to W.C. inquiry
did you review CIA
info. for possible link
between Ruby +/or associates
with CIA - Mafia plots -

—OVER— specifically - Cuba - McWillie?

Any problems associated

with responding to W.C.
inquiry re: Ruby?

investigative
Any ~~and~~ reports of checks on
allegations of connection
between LHO & CIA?

If not, why not?

when

What was relied upon for Mr. Con's
affidavit to WC on
CIA agent allegation?

~~anyone who has used the name~~
anyone who has used the name
Maurice Bishop?

Talked with anyone at CIA concerning your testimony.
5 minutes to expand, clarify,
etc.

For the record,
I want to state that I was not trying
to make the inference that you were
coached concerning your testimony today.
I am that you

On behalf of HSCA, thank you.

For: Chuck Berk
HSCA (only)
offices

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SP

CB